

Race to the Top Program
Guidance and Frequently Asked Questions

Addendum 9
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F-1b. How might a State indicate its intent to adopt a common set of K-12 standards in such cases where the standards will not be finalized until after the June 1 application deadline for Phase 2? How will the Department review those applications?

The Department believes that potential applicants would benefit from further explanation of how to respond to criterion (B)(1)(ii), regarding common standards adoption that may occur after the June 1 application deadline, and the review of that criterion.

- To document adoption of common standards after the June 1, 2010 deadline, Phase 2 applicants may submit additional information to the Department by August 2, 2010.
- When scoring applications prior to August 2 – that is, during Tier 1, which determines the finalists – reviewers will base their scores for criterion (B)(1)(ii) on the applicant's commitment to and progress toward adoption by August 2, 2010. The Department will instruct reviewers that, if a State has indicated in its application that it will adopt common standards by August 2 and that it intends to submit evidence of adoption by August 2, the reviewers should treat that application, for purposes of their initial scoring in Tier 1, as if the State had submitted evidence of adoption by August 2.
- When scoring applications during Tier 2 of the competition, reviewers will submit their final scores on criterion (B)(1)(ii) by taking into account any evidence (or lack of evidence) of adoption of common standards that was received by August 2.